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SUBJECT: NEXT STEPS ON NON-CIRCUMVENTION

REFS: A) STATE 69375; B) STATE 70888; C) BONN 4658

1. DCM CALLED ON FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR BLECH TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR GERMAN DECISION ON NON-CIRCUMVENTION LANGUAGE AND COVER IN DETAIL POINTS OUTLINED IN REF A.
2. BLECH INDICATED THAT THE FRG CONCURRED WITH THE U.S. SCENARIO FOR THE MARCH 29 NAC OF OUTLINING FALLBACK - PLUS - INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT STRATEGIES WHICH WE DESCRIBED FOR HIM.
3. HE STATED THAT, WHILE STILL OPPOSED TO THE NON-CIRCUMVENTION CLAUSE, THE FRG DOES NOT WISH TO STAND IN THE WAY OF SUBSTANTIVE MOVEMENT IN SALT, AND WILL,
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THEREFORE, MERELY RESTATE ITS POSITION INDICATING ITS CONCERNS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME NOT PRESENTING OPERATIVE OBJECTIONS TO OUR PROCEEDING WITH THE FALLBACK WHEN THE U.S. CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY.

4. BLECH WENT ON TO SAY THAT FRG ASSUMES THAT THE USE OF THE INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT WOULD BE DISCUSSED

ON MARCH 29 ONLY IN TERMS OF AN OPERATING STRATEGY, RATHER THAN OF SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT. ALLIES WOULD OBVIOUSLY WISH FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON THE FINAL LANGUAGE IN LIGHT OF THE ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS. BLECH SAID THE FONOFF IS EXAMINING THE DRAFT STATEMENT AND WILL BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH US IN DUE COURSE ON THE MATTER.

5. EMBASSY APPRECIATES RECEIPT OF TEXT OF SLOCOMBE'S NAC PRESENTATION ON STRATEGIC SITUATION WHICH WE PRESENTED TO BLECH WITH APPROPRIATE CAVEATS REGARDING CLASSIFICATION AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE INFORMATION.

6. COMMENT: WE MADE IT CLEAR TO BLECH THAT WE WOULD PREFER FRG TO INDICATE ACQUIESCENCE IN NAC BY, AT A MINIMUM, NOT REPEATING PREVIOUS OBJECTIONS. BLECH MADE IT CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT THE FRG FINDS IT NECESSARY ON POLITICAL GROUNDS TO STATE ITS POSITION ON NON-CIRCUMVENTION IN NAC DISCUSSION, ON LINES INDICATED PARA 3 ABOVE, WHICH DERIVES FROM VAN WELL'S FEBRUARY 14 STATEMENT TO DCM (BONN 4658).

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